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SUBJ CLOSING STATEMENT BY SIILASVUO AT ISRAEL-SYRIA

DISENGAGEMENT MAP SIGNING

THERE FOLLOWS STATEMENT MADE BY GEN SIILASVUO AT CLOSING OF
SIGNING CEREMONY MORNING JUNE 5, WITH PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS
PRESENT. QUOTE:

IT IS INDEED GRATIFYING TO ME TO REPORT THAT A FEW MINUTES
AGO, THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA SIGNED
THE DISENGAGEMENT PLAN AS DELINEATED ON A MAP. BY THIS ACT,
THE MILITARY WORKING GROUP OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE HAS
CARRIED OUT ITS MANDATE AS SET OUT IN THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.
WITH THE COMPLETION OF OUR WORK, THE PROCESS OF DISENGAGEMENT
AND SEPARATION OF FORCES WILL BEGIN TOMORROW. I AM CONFIDENT
THAT THE DISENGAGEMENT PLAN WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT
COMPLICATIONS.

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I WANT TO CONGRATULATE, PARTICULARLY THE ISRAELI AND SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE TALKS HELD HERE IN GENEVA. I AM SURE I DISCERN A SIGN, HOWEVER FEEBLE, OF A DESIRABLE CHANGE OF ATTITUDE. PREVAILING IN ALL OUR DISCUSSIONS WAS A READINESS TO FIND AREAS OF ACCOMMODATION TO MEET THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES. I FEEL THAT IT WAS THIS DEVELOPMENT AND THE WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE TALKS AT KILOMETRE 101, THAT ENABLED US TO MAKE RAPID PROGRESS IN OUR WORK.

WE MUST CONSTANTLY REMIND OURSELVES THAT WE HAVE ONLY TAKEN THE VITALLY IMPORTANT INITIAL STEPS IN A LONG AND DIFFICULT JOURNEY TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE TWO DISENGAGEMENT AND SEPARATION OF FORCES ARRANGEMENTS, BOTH IN THE EGYPT/ISRAEL AND ISRAEL/SYRIA SECTORS SHOULD NOW CREATE THE PROPER ATMOSPHERE FOR TACKLING THE OUTSTANDING POLITICAL PROBLEMS. CERTAINLY, WE ARE ALL EAGER WITH HOPE THAT THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE THAT DOMINATED OUR MEETINGS WILL OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL THOSE ENGAGED IN THE CONTINUING SEARCH FOR A JUST PEACE IN THE AREA.

IN THIS REGARD, WE ALL MUST WELCOME THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN IN THE MILITARY WORKING GROUP. BY THEIR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION, THEY HAVE AGAIN UNDERLINED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CO-OPERATE IN BUILDING A NEW STRUCTURE OF PEACE IN THE AREA.

AS FAR AS THE UNITED NATIONS IS CONCERNED, UNDOF STANDS READY TO RENDER ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE PARTIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND STRICT OBSERVATION OF THE SEPARATION OF FORCES AGREEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO MAKE UNDOF OPERATIONAL WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE DISENGAGEMENT PLAN. NOW THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED THIS SERIES OF MEETINGS, LET ME, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF YOU, EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE SWISS AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE, UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE DURING OUR STAY HERE. WE ALSO OFFER OUR THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR MEETINGS. IT NOW REMAINS FOR ME TO WISH YOU ALL BON VOYAGE. END QUOTE.ABRAMS
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